



Claremont - Nedlands Cricket Club

Home of the Tigers

Codes of Behaviour

The Spirit of the Game involves respect for:

- *Your opponents*
- *Your own captain and team*
- *The role of the umpires*
- *The game and its traditional values*

(MCC Preamble to the Laws of Cricket, para 4)

PLAYERS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Play by the rules and in accordance with the spirit of cricket.
2. Never argue with an umpire. If you disagree with a decision, have your captain, coach or manager approach the umpire during a break or after the game.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or the sledging of other players – as well as deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent – is not acceptable or permitted in cricket.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and your teammates.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good play whether by your team or the opposition.
6. Treat all participants in cricket as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
7. Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents.
8. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of his or her gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
10. Play the game for the game's sake. It should be enjoyable for your teammates, the opposition, the officials and the spectators, as well as you.

PARENTS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in cricket.
2. Remember that children are involved in cricket for their enjoyment, not yours.
3. Encourage your child to play by the rules and in accordance with the spirit of cricket.
4. Focus on the team's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good play by all participants.
7. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
8. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
9. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators.
10. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of his or her gender, ability, cultural background or religion

COACHES CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
2. Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.
3. Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
4. Operate within the rules and the spirit of cricket and teach your players to do the same.
5. Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience.
6. Avoid overplaying the talented players; all young players need and deserve equal time, attention and opportunities.
7. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
8. Display control and respect to all those involved in cricket. This includes opponents, coaches, umpires, administrators, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
9. Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest cricket coaching practices and principles of growth and development of young people.
10. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of his or her gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

UMPIRES CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Place the safety and welfare of participants above all else.
2. Compliment and encourage all participants.
3. Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
4. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
5. Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.

The Club otherwise supports and asks that its Players, Parents, Coaches and Umpires comply with the *Codes of Behaviour* and *Racial & Religious Vilification Code* published by Cricket Australia on the MyCricket Community at <http://community.cricket.com.au/clubs/insurance-and-policies/codes-of-behaviour>.

Players, Parents, Coaches and Umpires should also consider Cricket Australia's statement on *The Spirit of Cricket* at <http://community.cricket.com.au/clubs/insurance-and-policies/spirit-of-cricket>.